CHANGING THE WAY WE COMMUNICATE CHANGE

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IN YOUR CURRENT OR PAST ROLE HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO COMMUNICATE A CHANGE?

DID IT GO WELL?

IF IT DIDN'T, DID COMMUNICATIONS
GET THE BLAME?



Communication leaders are under constant pressure to influence stakeholder perceptions and behaviors to drive outcomes for their organizations.

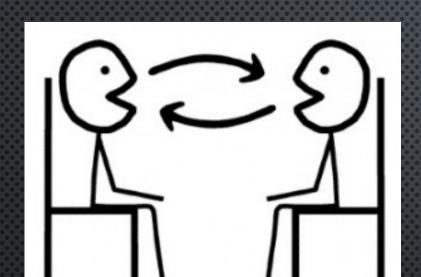


COMMUNICATIONS 72 CHANGE MANAGEMENT

They are **NOT** the same,

But NOTHING can successfully change without communications

COMMUNICATIONS



Relaying information to help people become aware of the details of a change.

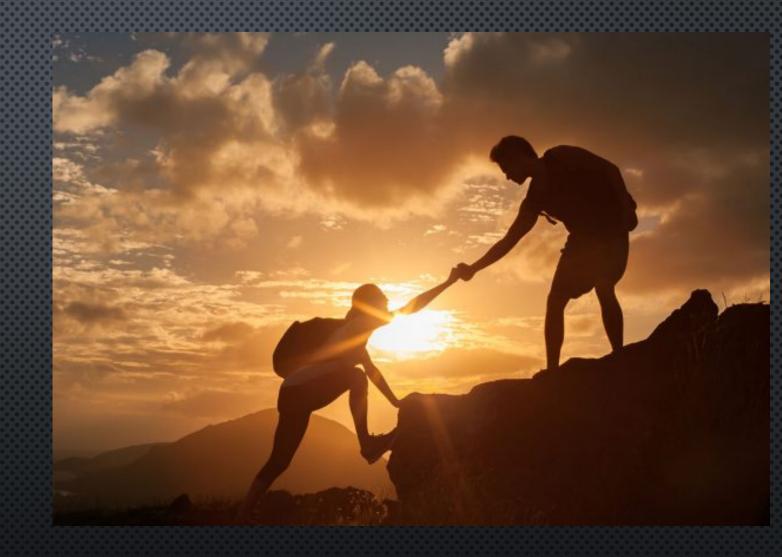
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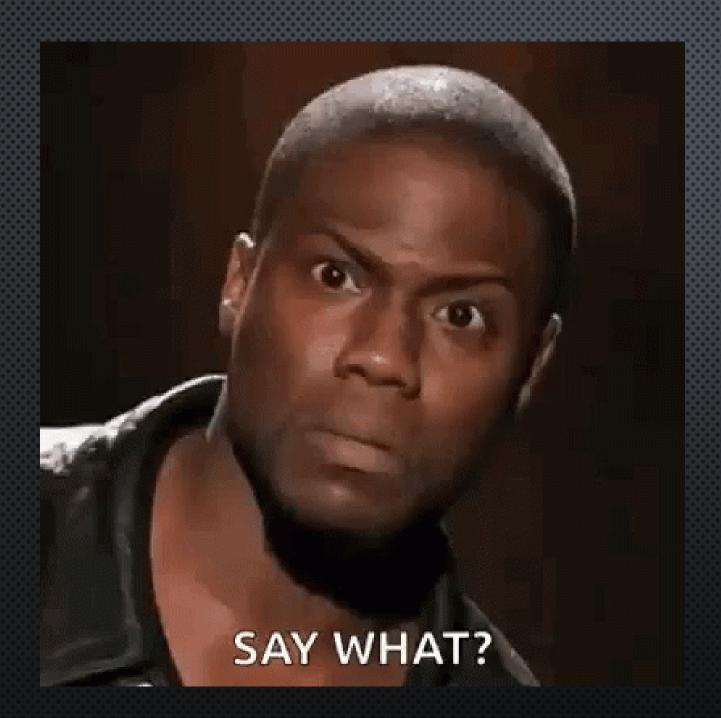


Attending to people's needs and fears to help them become willing and able to change and sustain the change.

IT"S ABOUT PEOPLE

Managing the people portion of change





For Change
Management to
REALLY work
Communications
MUST be involved
from the very
Beginning



Take home laptops for every high school student





Current **Future Transition** state state state Change management



Change is a Process

Start with the Five Ps

Project Name



What is the project?

Purpose



Why we are changing?

Particulars



What we are changing?

People



Who will be changing?

Pay-Offs

What will we ultimately achieve?

What does this look like for your project?

COMMUNICATIONS

vs CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- Why

Why

Who What's in it for me?

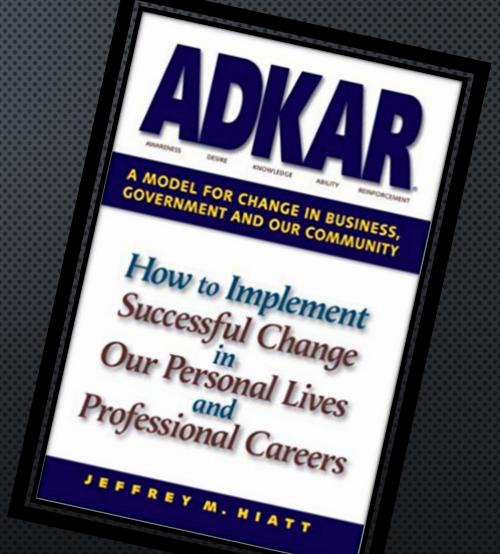
Who What are the risks if I don't change?

Who What do I need to do?

Who What challenges will I have?

Where can I go for help?





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AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR CHANGE

DESIRE TO SUPPORT THE CHANGE

K

KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO CHANGE

A

ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE SKILLS & BEHAVIORS

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REINFORCEMENT TO MAKE THE CHANGE STICK

Five Building Blocks for Successful Change





BUILDING AWARENESS — COMMUNICATIONS





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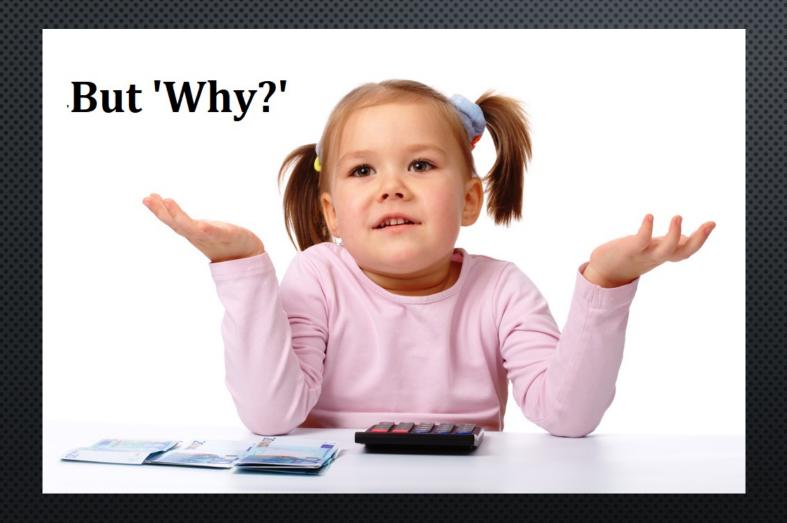
Why is the change necessary?

Why is this change happening

What is wrong with what we are doing now?

What will happen if we don't change?

There is a Human Need to Know Why



Building Awareness is

- Making a person aware of the nature of the change
- WHY it is needed
- And the risks of not changing

Barriers to Building Awareness

Credibility of who is sending the message

Person's view of current state



Presence of misinformation or rumors

Organization's history of change

Individual's cognitive style and value systems

Contestability of reason for change

Providing the right information to the right people at the right times so they are AWARE of what's happening, when, and why.

As their awareness increases, so does their DESIRE to change



CREATING DESIRE



COMMUNICATIONS

But is does involve

Learning about the challenges from the end user perspective (those you are asking to change)

Empathizing with the person to undergo the change

Understanding and looking for patterns and insights to understand the barriers to change

Planning for resistance



Change involves a personal choice to participate



Creating Desire

- Must appeal to logic but also emotion
- Must address resistance, risk, and barriers
- Must answer What's in it for me? WIFM

Plan for Resistance



Resistance is NORMAL

Resistance Barriers to Building Desire

Nature of change and how it will impact person

Individuals personal situation



What motivates this person?

Environmental
context
(person's
perception of
organization)



When Building Desire

- Have a clear vision and roadmap that outline the vision and MAKE SURE others outside of communications share and can recite the vision
- Communicate the vision and roadmap consistently and visibly
- Create energy around the future state
- Engage people in the process

Create opportunities for two-way communications and face-toface communications

Identify champions and build a coalition of sponsors to make personal appeal and engage with others

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When a person has the **AWARENESS** of the need for change, and the **DESIRE** to participate and support a change, **KNOWLEDGE** is the next building block for realizing that change.

Knowledge includes

- Understanding how to change
- Learning new skills
- Training on new processes and tools
- A place to go for help

Factors Influencing Knowledge of How to Change

A person's current knowledge base

Resources
available to
provide
education
and training



Capability of the person to learn the change

Access to or existence of required knowledge.

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